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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN- TUNISIAN RELATIONS

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1. RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH TUNISIAN FONOFF AND WITH SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY TUNIS HAVE POINTED UP POSSIBILITY THAT GOT MAY BE CONSIDERING ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PYONGYANG. FONOFF CHIEF FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS ( EL MOULDI) TOLD US RECENTLY THAT MAIN PURPOSE OF VISITING NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION ( MARCH 1973) WAS TO PRESS FOR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. ACCORDING EL MOULDI, GOT DID NOT RESPOND DIRECTLY BUT LEFT IT " VAGUE". EL MOULDI EMPHASIZED THAT NORTH KOREANS HAD MADE PREVIOUS VISITS TO TUNISIA AND THAT RECENT VISIT SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS NEW DEPARTURE FOR GOT.

2. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR KYU SUP CHUNG, HOWEVER, TOLD ME RECENTLY THAT HE BELIEVED NORTH KOREANS HAD PRESSED REQUEST FOR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS UP TO BOURGUIBA HIMSELF, AND THAT IN BOURGUIBA' S FINAL MEETING WITH DELEGATION, GOT HAD MORE OR LESS AGREED. CHUNG WAS NOT CERTAIN ON THIS POINT, AND THOUGHT IT ALSO POSSIBLE THAT POSITIVE GOT RESPONSE MIGHT  
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HAVE COME FROM FONMIN MASMOUDI RATHER THAN BOURGUIBA HIMSELF.

3. CHUNG HAS BEEN URGING GOT, DURING CONTACTS WITH FONOFF FROM MASMOUDI ON DOWN, TO REFRAIN FROM ESTABLISHING RELATIONS PENDING COMPLETION CURRENT NORTH- SOUTHAM. DO NOT KNOW HOW MILITARY THREAT SCENERIO ( REF A) WAS ARRIVED AT BUT, EVEN FOR ASSESSING MILITARY ASPECT OF JORDAN

MAP, IT NEEDS MUCH REFINEMENT TO BE USEFUL. E. G., IRAN, DESPITE JORDANIAN PRESSURE, SHOWS LITTLE DISPOSITION EVEN TO MATERIAL AID, LET ALONE INTERVENTION. BY USING JAF' S PRIORITY LIST ( WHY TREAT AS " THREE YEAR"? ) AS BASE AND APPLYING FUNDING ASSUMPTIONS THERETO, AMMAN DATT INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT OF MILITARY REQUIREMENTS VIRTUALLY FORECLOSED. ALTHOUGH GUIDANCE REFTEL A REQUESTS ANALYSIS OF SUCH ISSUES AS D& M AND MAP/ SA INTERFACE, DATT ( AND MISSION) COMPETENCE TO MAKE SUCH BASIC MIL/ ECON STUDY VERY LIMITED, PARTICULARLY IN TERMS AND POM/ TIME FRAME IMPOSED. DATT IS PROCEEDING WITH POM SUBMISSION REQUESTED, BUT GUIDANCE SIMPLY DOES NOT PERMIT MEANINGFUL RECOMMENDATIONS OF PRECISION OR OF 5- YEAR FORESIGHT CALLED FOR WITH STAFF RESOURCES AVAILABLE HERE. JAF PRIORITY LIST TAKEN IN POM GUIDANCE AS " BASE CASE" DOES NOT ITSELF REPRESENT A SOLELY MILITARY JUDGMENT BUT REFLECTS ALSO POLITICAL AND PRESTIGE FACTORS. ITS BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS IGNORE AND CONTRADICE GOJ' S OWN ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITMENTS. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS ARE AT LEAST

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2. IMPLICIT IN EXERCISE AND IN JORDANIAN THINKING ( E. G. PRIORITY LIST OF OUTYEAR REQUIREMENTS) IS DEVELOPMENT OF ANOTHER MULTIYEAR PACKAGE. MOST OF OUR PROBLEMS WITH JORDAN MAP HAVE DERIVED FROM GETING LOCKED INTO ORIGINAL 71-74 MULTIYEAR PACKAGE AS STRICTLY MILITARY REQUIREMENT DIVORCED FROM POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AFCTORS. WE DOUBT THAT JAF HARDWARE PROGRAM CAN REALISTICALLY BE PLANNED ON MULTIYEAR BASIS, EVEN IN STRICTLY MILITARY TERMS, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. IN ANY EVENT, WHERE SO MANY FACTORS INVOLVED WE THINK BETTER APPROACH WITH JORDANIANS IS TO IMPRESS ON THEM THAT MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS ESSENTIALLY ACCOMPLISHED; THAT BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS ( US AS WELL AS GOJ) MUST GOVERN FURTHER AID, THAT WE CANNOT DISCUSS MORE THAN SEAR BY YEAR, CASE BY CASE, MARGINAL INCREMENTS.

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3. THESE ARE, HOWEVER, QUESTIONS BEST ADDRESSED BY BROADSCALE SECURITY ASSISTANCE REVIEW, WITH COORDINATED CONSIDERATION OF POL/ ECON/ MIL FACTORS, WHICH IS BEYOND POM CAPABILITY. WE SHOULD, THEREFORE, DECIDE SOON ON A SECURITY ASSISTANCE MISSION TO JORDAN HEADED BY HIGH RANKING REP OF UNSEC FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE COORDINATION, INCLUDING MILITARY, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COMPETENCE AS DISCUSSED DURING HM WASHINGTON VISIT AND, HOPEFULLY, TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE MAY- SCHEDULED WASHINGTON MILITARY AID

TALKS. TERMS OF REFERENCE SHOULD BE BROAD ENOUGH TO AVOID  
ONE- DIMENSIONAL APPROACH OF MELLON MISSION WHOSE NARROW FOCUS  
GAVE RISE TO MANY OF OUR SUBSEQUENT PROBLEMS IN JORDAN MAP.  
SUGGESTIONS FOR TERMS OF REFERENCE FOLLOW.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE GENERAL: THIS IS GOVERNMENT TO  
GOVERNMENT MISSION ON OVERALL SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, TO  
LOOK AT STATUS AND PROGRESS OF MODERNIZATION PACKAGE AND EXAMINE  
JORDAN

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